

- **Continue the installation of Heritage Landings interpretive signs.** Currently, the Lake Champlain Basin Program is committed to installing a Heritage Landings sign in the Plattsburgh area, to commemorate the Battle of Plattsburgh. Additional sites throughout the County have been identified as locations for future signs, and the Byways program should continue to work with the Basin Program in the development and installation of the signs; alternatively, the Planning Department can coordinate with the Basin Program. Funding for sign design and installation can be accomplished through the Basin Program.
- **Assist in the development of the Lake Champlain Birding Trail.** This project is being guided by a group of New York and Vermont organizations and agencies, and is still in the early stages of development. The goal is to establish the region as a premier destination for birders through the completion of a road-based trail linking shoreland and upland birding sites throughout the two states. The Byways program should continue to work with the organizers of the Birding Trail in order to accomplish its objectives and promote its use. This can be done as a specific work task in the Byways project.

## Appendix A

### An Introduction to Byways

#### What's a Byway?

Byways are transportation routes across the country that are important because they have special qualities that make them attractive to their users. Most byways are managed and promoted for tourism purposes, but the byway designation can also be used for other reasons, such as to conserve and protect the area's resources. The overall goals of byway programs are to recognize, interpret, maintain, enhance, and preserve the unique qualities of byways. There are several types of programs and designations ~

#### **Private Sector Byway**

Some byways exist entirely within the bounds of a private corporate entity, and are maintained and administered by that entity. These byways may or may not be open to the public. Additionally, organizations such as the American Automobile Association designate their own scenic routes as part of their traveler services.

#### **Local Byway**

Local byways are those routes that are important to local communities. These programs are generally managed by city, town, or county governments. Additionally, in order for a byway to receive state or federal designation, that designation usually must be supported by local residents and governments.

#### **State Scenic Byway**

Every state has (or is developing) a Scenic Byway program, usually managed by either the state's department of transportation or economic/tourism development office. Although each state has a program, the requirements and funding opportunities vary greatly from state to state.

New York's Scenic Byways Program, established in 1992, is overseen by the State Scenic Advisory Board and is managed by the Department of Transportation's Landscape Architect Bureau. When the Program was established, several State Scenic Byways were recognized; among these were the Champlain Trail, the Seaway Trail, and the Adirondack Trail. Since that time, local communities and organizations have completed corridor management plans and nominated their roads to the Advisory Board, which has in turn designated these additional roads as State Scenic Byways.

#### **National Scenic Byway**

These routes are selected by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Scenic Byways Program. To be selected, the route must have previous state designation, at least one of six special qualities, local support for national designation, and a management plan. Currently there are 44 National Scenic Byways. Examples of these routes include New



York's Seaway Trail and New Hampshire's Kancamagus Scenic Byway and White Mountains Trail.

Other federal agencies have programs similar to the Department of Transportation's National Scenic Byway Program. For example, the Bureau of Land Management, which is most active in the western part of the country, has a program called Back Country Byways, whose designated roads and trails explore some of the least populated areas of the West.

### **All-American Road**

Routes with this designation are the "crème de la crème" of the Scenic Byways hierarchy, and are considered destinations unto themselves. All-American Roads are also selected by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Scenic Byways Program. These roads are promoted extensively and have the highest priority for federal grants. Currently there are only nine All-American Roads; the one closest to the northeast is North Carolina's Blue Ridge Parkway.

### **Do Byways have to be Scenic?**

Although the State and National programs refer to "Scenic Byways", selected routes do not have to possess scenic qualities. For example, routes that follow abandoned coal mines or steel mills may have cultural or historic qualities, but not be considered "scenic" to most travelers. They could still qualify for local, state, and national Scenic Byways programs. In fact, in order to avoid this confusion the Lake Champlain Byways project has dropped the word "Scenic" from its title, because the routes and corridors possess so many more unique qualities in addition to being scenic.

### **The Intrinsic Qualities**

All byways must have at least one unique, intrinsic, quality. Generally, state and federal programs look for up to six of these qualities when choosing routes for designation. The traditional qualities include archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic. For the purposes of the Lake Champlain Byways project, we have found all of these qualities in the corridor, though we have combined archeological with historical resources. A sixth quality ~ working landscapes ~ is present as well.

#### **Cultural**

The cultural resources along a byway are those that provide evidence of the unique customs, traditions, and folklore of the past or present. These resources are built upon the heritage of the area combined with its present-day style and flavor to define what makes it culturally unique. Sites that are of civic or ethnic importance help to define the culture of an area, as do events such as plays and festivals. Additional examples of cultural resources are structures or landscapes that are important due to their artistic merit, or those that represent an achievement in technology, architecture, or engineering.

#### **Historic**

A byway has historic qualities if it contains visual evidence of the past. Typical historic resources include battle sites, places associated with famous people or events, burial sites

or archeological sites such as hunting or gathering areas. Some roadways themselves can even be considered historic in their own right.

### **Natural**

Natural resources along a byway may include unusual land formations or topography, lakes and rivers, streams and wetlands, wildlife areas, and habitats for rare or endangered plants and animals. Parks and wildlife areas are also considered resources if they provide access to and interpretation of the natural qualities of the area. The identification of natural resources along a byway encourages education, preservation, and responsible stewardship of those resources.

### **Recreational**

A byway has recreational qualities if it encourages active or passive activities such as hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, canoeing, sailing, or cycling. The route itself may be the source of some of these activities, such as cycling, or it may provide access to the activity, such as an entrance to a state game management area.

### **Scenic**

While the level of scenic qualities is very subjective, the general concept of beauty can usually be agreed upon. Farms and forests, rivers and lakes, oceans and islands are all considered scenic. Urban areas can also be scenic, and may range from quaint downtown settings to flamboyant neon lights in the heart of a city. Scenery is enhanced by being distinctive, memorable, or uninterrupted.

### **Working Landscape**

Land-based resources along a byway include farms, working forests and waterfronts, and mineral extraction uses. Land types play a significant role in the type of working landscape along a byway. These land types lead to a variety of economies, including traditional animal or crop farms, timber properties, and iron or coal mining industries. Resources related to the working landscape include lands or structures that are representative of a particular land-based economy.

### **Routes and Corridors**

Most Byways are confined to their route, or road location. Generally, this includes all resources within the road's right-of-way. However, Byways are beginning to extend their boundaries into "corridors", or areas which are not directly road-side but still influence the traveler's experience. Corridors can be defined however the Byway managers see fit. They can be as limited as the highway right-of-way or as expansive as the limits of the travelers' vision. Corridors allow Byway users and managers to consider more than just the road; this is a particularly useful way to include other modes of transportation or amenities that are located close to the chosen route.

### **What's a Corridor Management Plan?**

A Corridor Management Plans is a document that ~

- identifies the byway, its corridor, and its intrinsic resources



- reflects and describes the nature of the byway
- outlines the public participation process that went into the designation of the byway
- presents a strategy for balancing economic development and tourism promotion with preservation and protection of the byway's resources
- provides an implementable action plan to establish and maintain the byway
- demonstrates a commitment to preserve, protect, and enhance the byway and its resources

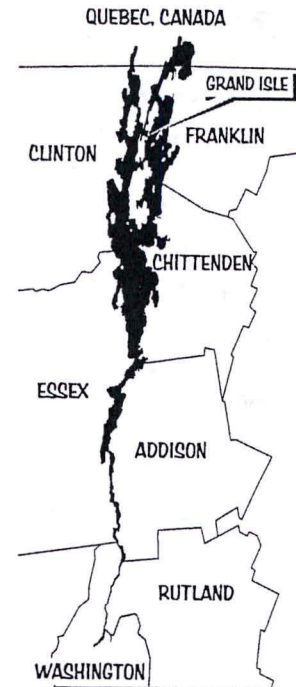
The fundamental purpose of a Corridor Management Plan is to document what's there now, to present a realistic vision of what the future should look like, and to commit to work towards that future.

## Appendix B

# The Lake Champlain Byways Project

### An Overview

The Byways of Lake Champlain are transportation routes and corridors in New York, Vermont, and Quebec that contain significant intrinsic resources. The Lake Champlain Byways project involves the identification, promotion, and protection of these resources in an organized fashion throughout the Champlain Valley region. It is intended to serve as a new approach to economic development through the recognition of local heritage and resources. Communities throughout the Region are working towards a shared identity in order to develop a cohesive action plan that balances economic development, tourism, and stewardship of the area's unique resources. The final product of this project is the completion of Corridor Management Plans, one for each county plus one for the overall Region.



### Project Structure and Participants

Lake Champlain Byways is accomplished through the efforts of citizens of Clinton, Essex, and Washington Counties in New York together with citizens of Grand Isle, Franklin, Chittenden, Addison, and Rutland Counties in Vermont. A Steering Committee helps guide the overall project; the committee is made up of representatives from each county as well as those with an overall interest in the Champlain Region. A list of the Steering Committee members is included on the following pages. The Committee meets every few months in order to check on the progress of the project, ensure that the project is meeting the requirements of its grant, exchange ideas, and provide technical expertise to the counties. In addition to the Steering Committee, each county has created a Local Advisory Committee (LAC). Each LAC worked to develop a local vision, goals, and objectives statement for their region. They also participated in efforts to unite the Region and identified ways to implement the ideas presented in the Corridor Management Plan. Through the Byways project, the LACs have identified what makes their area unique, and what they would like to address in the Corridor Management Plan.

### Regional Goals

As a result of all of the local work, the Lake Champlain Byways project has been able to establish a set of goals that the entire Region has in common, and that therefore can be used to guide the overall project in the future. These goals, in no particular order, follow:

- Establish public restrooms throughout the region.



- Establish a network of Waypoint Communities that would serve as a hub for Byway activities and could provide visitor information and services.
- Strengthen the inter-modal transportation infrastructure to reduce the visitors' dependency on automobile travel (biking, ferry, rail, bus, walking).
- Improve access to the Lake "experience".
- Strengthen the role of the Lake as the unifying feature of the two-state, two-nation region - i.e. Lake Champlain Region image and identity for tourism promotion and economic development.
- Overcome jurisdictional boundaries for Regional activities - i.e. interpretive products, marketing and information, resource protection, transportation, fishing licenses.
- Establish a Regional ag-tourism, marketing, and education initiative.
- Maximize the "Lake Champlain Experience" for the existing travelers through the region - target existing visitors to stop and stay, rather than just drive through.
- Establish a network of "themed" routes for various modes of transportation that links sites throughout the Lake Champlain Region - i.e. Birding Trail, Geology Trail, etc.
- Manage the roadsides to enhance the community character and qualities - i.e. stone walls, wildflower plantings, and historic markers with pull-offs.

#### The Four Lives of Lake Champlain

During their visioning process, Byways participants throughout the Champlain Region had to translate the vast resources into a unifying theme for protection, interpretation, enhancement, and promotion efforts. During this process, several important themes were identified: military history, agriculture, industrial development, natural systems, and people and communities. These were integrated into a single, unified theme to guide the Regional project:

"The Four Lives of Lake Champlain"

- 1) Pre-European Influence
- 2) Exploration and Military
- 3) Industrial and Commercial
- 4) Recreational and the Environmental Movement

Scenic, historic, recreational, natural, cultural, and working landscape resources can be found in each of these "lives." These "lives" will help create an integrated story for the entire Champlain Region.

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## Appendix D

### Inventory of Corridor Resources

Map ID	Name Comments	Location	C	H	N	R	S	W L
N/A	<b>Lake Champlain Bikeways</b> Biking loop around Lake Champlain, including the same route as Clinton County's Lake Champlain Byways route.	Throughout Clinton County	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
N/A	<b>Arts Council for the Northern Adirondacks</b> Sponsors events and programs. Performs services and provides grants throughout northern New York State.	Northern New York Based in Town of Westport	✓			✓		
N/A	<b>Council on the Arts</b> Sponsor cultural events and programs throughout Clinton County.	Bridge Street City of Plattsburgh	✓			✓		
N/A	<b>Lake Champlain Paddler's Trail</b> Canoe and kayak trail throughout Lake Champlain.	Throughout Clinton County			✓	✓	✓	
1	<b>U.S. Customs Border Crossing</b> In need of improvements.	Interstate 87 Town of Champlain	✓					
2	<b>Fort Montgomery</b> Privately owned. Historical interest in restoration.	North of Route 2 Town of Champlain		✓			✓	
3	<b>Former Village of Rouses Point Beach</b> In need of maintenance, may be replaced in new location.	Montgomery Street Village of Rouses Point				✓	✓	
4	<b>Former Railroad Bridge</b>	Montgomery Street Village of Rouses Point		✓				



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N/A	<b>Rouses Point Winter Carnival</b> Annual event.	Downtown Village of Rouses Point	✓			✓		
5	<b>Rouses Point Boat Ramp</b> In need of improvements, to be completed by Village.	Montgomery Street Village of Rouses Point				✓		
6	<b>Rouses Point Railroad Station</b> Original station in need of restoration.	Pratt Street Village of Rouses Point	✓	✓				
7	<b>Kings Bay State Game Area</b> At Point Au Fer. Stony Point is excellent for bird watching and launching small boats.	Point Au Fer Road Town of Champlain			✓	✓	✓	
N/A	<b>Lake Champlain Bikeways Loop ~ The William H. Miner Story</b> Biking loop from the Lake Shore Road through Chazy, Altona, Mooers, and Champlain.	Towns of Champlain, Chazy, Altona, & Mooers	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
N/A	<b>Great Chazy River</b> Navigable waterway, recreation area, wildlife habitats.	Town of Champlain			✓	✓	✓	
8	<b>Great Chazy River Boat Launch</b>	Lake Shore Road Town of Champlain				✓		
9	<b>New York State Police</b>	Route 9 Town of Chazy	✓					
10	<b>Chazy Recreation Field</b> Currently being improved by local organizations. In need of playground equipment.	Church Street Town of Chazy	✓		✓	✓	✓	

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11	Alice T. Miner Museum	Route 9 Town of Chazy	✓	✓				
12	Chazy Fire Department Pumphouse Originally built by William H. Miner. Currently in use, exterior in need of restoration.	Route 9 Town of Chazy	✓	✓				
13	William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute	Miner Farm Road Town of Chazy	✓	✓				✓
14	Lake Alice Game Management Area	Miner Farm Road Town of Chazy			✓	✓	✓	
15	Point Au Roche Boat Launch	Point Au Roche Road Town of Beekmantown			✓	✓	✓	
16	Point Au Roche Lighthouse Water access only.	Point Au Roche Road Town of Beekmantown	✓	✓				
17	Point Au Roche State Park Includes many trails, beach, and boat launch.	Point Au Roche Road Town of Beekmantown			✓	✓	✓	
N/A	Lake Champlain Bikeways Loop ~ Monuments, Mills, and Music Biking loop from Cumberland Head along the Saranac River to the village of Saranac and return.	City/Town of Plattsburgh, Towns of Schuyler Falls & Saranac	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Lake Champlain Ferry Privately owned transportation between New York and Vermont. Used extensively by commuters and visitors.	Cumberland Head Road Town of Plattsburgh	✓			✓	✓	

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19	<b>Cumberland Head Lighthouse</b> Privately owned.	Lighthouse Road Town of Plattsburgh	✓	✓				
20	<b>Karen Fleury Trail</b> Off-road paved recreation path.	Cumberland Head Road City of Plattsburgh				✓		
21	<b>Cumberland Bay State Park</b> Heavily used in summer by both residents and Canadians.	Cumberland Head Road Town of Plattsburgh			✓	✓	✓	
22	<b>Crete Civic Center</b>	Cumberland Head Road City of Plattsburgh	✓			✓		
23	<b>Plattsburgh Municipal Beach</b> Heavily used in summer by both residents and Canadians. Includes unusual sand dunes.	Cumberland Head Road City of Plattsburgh			✓	✓	✓	
24	<b>Plattsburgh - North Country Chamber of Commerce</b> Includes Champlain Shores Visitor's Center.	Route 9 Town of Plattsburgh	✓					
25	<b>Wilcox Dock</b> Environmental contamination, currently being restored. Expected to become recreational facility of some type.	Cumberland Avenue City of Plattsburgh		✓		✓	✓	
26	<b>Kent-Delord House Museum</b> Guided tours, formal gardens, exhibits and concerts.	Cumberland Avenue City of Plattsburgh	✓	✓			✓	
27	<b>Champlain Monument</b>	Cumberland Avenue City of Plattsburgh		✓			✓	



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28	<b>Plattsburgh Riverwalk</b> Recreation path along Saranac River in downtown Plattsburgh. Passes by parks and monuments.	Along Saranac River City of Plattsburgh			✓	✓	✓	
N/A	<b>Saranac River</b> Site of military battles. Navigable waterway, recreation area, wildlife habitats.	City of Plattsburgh		✓	✓	✓	✓	
29	<b>Plattsburgh City Hall</b> Includes Battle of Plattsburgh diorama.	City Hall Place City of Plattsburgh	✓	✓				
30	<b>MacDonough Monument</b> Commemorates the Battle of Plattsburgh victory in the War of 1812. Plattsburgh Bay is a National Historic Landmark.	City Hall Place City of Plattsburgh		✓			✓	
31	<b>Clinton County Historical Association and Museum</b> Historical exhibits, dioramas of Battles of Plattsburgh and Valcour. Self-guided tours.	Court Street City of Plattsburgh	✓	✓				
32	<b>Heritage Trail</b> Downtown walking path along city streets and Saranac River.	Downtown City of Plattsburgh	✓	✓		✓	✓	
33	<b>Plattsburgh Railroad Station</b> Partially refurbished. In need of better parking and signing.	Bridge Street City of Plattsburgh	✓					
34	<b>Plattsburgh Farmer's Market</b> Local farm products from June through October, twice weekly.	Durkee Street City of Plattsburgh	✓					✓
N/A	<b>Battle of Plattsburgh</b> Yearly reenactments and celebrations. Commemorative day in New York State.	Downtown City of Plattsburgh	✓	✓				

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N/A	<b>Mayor's Cup</b> Annual sailing regatta and associated events.	Downtown City of Plattsburgh	✓			✓	✓	
35	<b>Champlain Valley Physician's Hospital</b> Largest hospital in northeastern New York.	Cornelia Street City of Plattsburgh	✓					
36	<b>SUNY Plattsburgh</b> Includes several art museums.	Downtown City of Plattsburgh	✓	✓				
37	<b>Jay Street Park</b> Endpoint for the Plattsburgh Recreation Trail.	Jay Street City of Plattsburgh				✓	✓	
38	<b>Fort Brown</b> Former military encampment.	Route 9 Town of Plattsburgh	✓	✓				
N/A	<b>Pike's Cantonment</b> War of 1812 battle site and burial ground. Location uncertain. Historical interest in identification and preservation.	Downtown City of Plattsburgh	✓	✓				
39	<b>Plattsburgh Recreation Trail</b> Off-road paved recreation path. Currently under design, construction of first phase to begin Spring 2000.	Route 9 City of Plattsburgh				✓		
40	<b>Former Plattsburgh Air Force Base</b> Being redeveloped for many uses including businesses and visitor's center. Includes historic stone Barracks.	Route 9 City/Town of Plattsburgh	✓	✓			✓	
41	<b>Crab Island</b> Military burial ground for both American and British forces. Town of Plattsburgh interested in development as public area.	Lake Champlain Town of Plattsburgh		✓			✓	

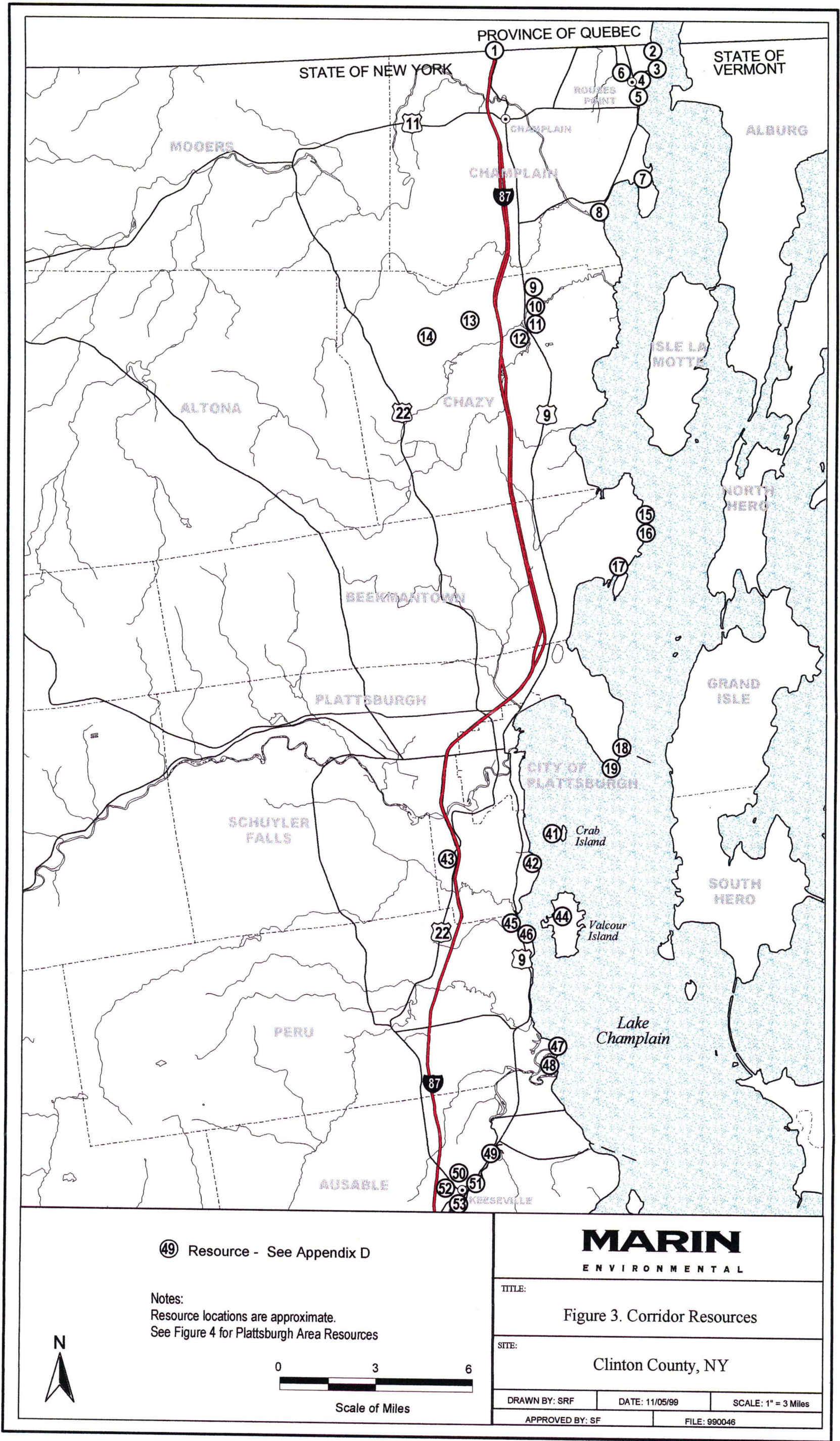
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42	<b>Clinton Community College</b> Main building is former 19 <sup>th</sup> century hotel providing panoramic view of Valcour Island. Public recreational areas throughout campus.	Clinton Point Drive Town of Plattsburgh	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
43	<b>New York State Police</b>	Route 22 Town of Plattsburgh	✓					
44	<b>Valcour Island</b> Includes trails and lighthouse. Valcour Bay is a is a National Historic Landmark.	Lake Champlain Town of Peru		✓			✓	
45	<b>Stone Ledge Sculpture Garden</b> Privately owned, open to public.	Route 9 Town of Peru	✓			✓	✓	
46	<b>Peru Boat Dock</b> Heavily used in summer. Boat launch and restrooms in good condition.	Route 9 Town of Peru				✓	✓	
47	<b>AuSable Point Campground</b> Many campsites, large picnic area, restrooms, and beach.	Route 9 Towns of Peru & AuSable				✓	✓	
48	<b>AuSable Game Management Area</b> Lowlands of mouth of AuSable River, limited access.	Route 9 Towns of Peru & AuSable			✓	✓	✓	
49	<b>AuSable Bridge and Chasm</b> Excellent views of chasm from bridge, also private facilities and boat trips. Many historic structures on Old State Road.	Route 9 Town of AuSable		✓	✓	✓	✓	
N/A	<b>AuSable River</b> Recreation area, wildlife habitats, and ice age geology.	Town of AuSable			✓	✓	✓	



Map ID	Name Comments	Location	C	H	N	R	S	W L
N/A	<b>Lake Champlain Bikeways Loop ~ Acres of Apples</b> Biking loop from Port Kent (Essex County) through the Towns of Peru and AuSable.	Towns of Peru & AuSable	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
N/A	<b>AuSable River Valley Bike Loop</b> Links Keeseville and Whiteface Mountain.	Town of AuSable & Village of Keeseville			✓	✓	✓	
50	<b>Keeseville Historic District</b> Over 145 structures on National Register.	Downtown Village of Keeseville	✓	✓			✓	
51	<b>Historic Keeseville Walking Tour</b> Interpretive self-guided booklet available.	Downtown Village of Keeseville	✓	✓		✓	✓	
52	<b>Keeseville's Historic Bridges</b> Several historic bridges over the AuSable River, including a pedestrian bridge. Interpretive bridge booklet available.	Downtown Village of Keeseville	✓	✓			✓	
53	<b>Natural History Walking Tour of Keeseville</b> Interpretive guidebook currently being developed.	Downtown Village of Keeseville			✓	✓	✓	

NOTES: C = Cultural Resource, H = Historic Resource, N = Natural Resource, R = Recreational Resource, S = Scenic Resource, WL = Working Landscape Resource.  
Please see Figures 3 and 4 for the location of each resource.









④⑩ Resource - See Appendix D

Notes:  
Resource locations are approximate.  
See Figure 3 for more corridor resources.



Scale of Miles

**MARIN**  
ENVIRONMENTAL

TITLE:  
Figure 4. Corridor Resources - Plattsburgh

SITE:  
Clinton County, NY

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## Appendix E

### Summary of Related Studies

#### Introduction

The related studies and materials described in this appendix have been obtained from a variety of sources, but most of them are on file at the Clinton County Planning Department's offices, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901, (518) 565-4711. The studies are broken down into four categories ~ scenic byways, economic development, recreation, and intrinsic resources.

#### Scenic Byways

##### Community Guide to Planning & Managing a Scenic Byway

Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C., Undated.

This comprehensive, user-friendly guide outlines the process used to establish a Scenic Byway. The booklet focuses on inventorying a corridor for its defining characteristics, soliciting and gaining community support, creating a corridor management plan, determining management responsibilities, and accommodating development.

##### New York State Scenic Byways Program: Nomination Handbook

New York State Department of Transportation, Albany, NY, Undated.

This handbook explains the State Scenic Byways Program, established in 1992. It describes the impacts of byway designation to a community, the eligibility criteria for designation, the different themes byways are organized into, and the nomination process.

##### The New York State Scenic Byways Program: The Seventh Report to the Governor and the People of the State of New York

New York State Department of Transportation, Albany, NY, January 1999.

This report covers the current efforts of the New York State Scenic Byways Program. It lists the current membership of the Advisory Board and discusses major accomplishments in 1998, newly funded projects, new activities for 1999, and Advisory Board recommendations.

##### An Analysis of the Economic Impacts of Scenic Byway Treatments to Vermont: A Pilot Study

Impact Research Associates, Inc., Wakefield, RI, April 1996.

This technical report evaluates the economic impact of byway changes based on surveys completed by travelers at four locations in Vermont during an August weekend. The report explains the goals, methodology, results, and analysis of the study. The results of the study were provided in the form of travelers' willingness to pay for roadway characteristics ranging from various speed limits to farm versus forest views. Study results indicated that the most important roadway characteristic was the availability of rest areas with restrooms.

A Workbook and Guide for Valuing Vermont Byway Changes: Pilot Study Application

Impact Research Associates, Inc., Wakefield, RI, April 1996.

This workbook, based upon An Analysis of the Economic Impacts of Scenic Byway Treatments to Vermont: A Pilot Study (see above), provides a means to evaluate economic impacts of byway changes based upon travelers' willingness to pay for the changes. The

results of the workbook indicate both current economic activity associated with the roadway and future economic activity based upon the proposed changes.

Safety Impacts, Design Standards and Classification Systems for Scenic Byways

Bellomo-McGee, Inc., Vienna, VA (for the Federal Highway Administration), September 1990.

This document was written prior to the implementation of a National Scenic Byways Program. The report recommends an alternative classification system for scenic roads; assesses potential safety, operational, and maintenance impacts of scenic road designation; proposes minimum engineering design standards for safety on designated scenic roads; and recommends eligibility criteria based on safety concerns.

The Impact of Bicycling on Scenic Highways: Planning Requirements that Affect Bicycle Use and Safety on Scenic Highways

Bicycle Federation of America, Washington, D.C. (for the Federal Highway Administration), September 1990.

This document was written prior to the implementation of a National Scenic Byways Program. The report's premise is that the impact of scenic highway designation on bicyclists is greater than the impact of bicyclists on scenic highways. It discusses nine criteria by which to judge a cyclist's safety and comfort; with all else equal cyclists will use a less-traveled road. Therefore, the report recommends mitigation techniques that can be used to offset the potential increase in traffic on a designated scenic highway.

Smugglers Notch Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan

Lamoille County Planning Commission, Morrisville, VT (for the Vermont Agency of Transportation), June 1995.

This plan was the first Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan in Vermont. It addresses corridor-specific issues such as traffic congestion, resource protection, visitor and traffic safety, maintenance requirements, trails, drainage, parking, signs, and public education. Recommendations for improvements are outlined, including cost estimates, in seven phases of implementation.

Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway Study, Executive Summary

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, MA, February 1994.

This study contains an executive summary, a guide book to touring Jacob's Ladder Trail, and a highway and safety analysis. The report covers the significance of Jacob's Ladder Trail as a Scenic Byway and provides an in-depth analysis of existing conditions, that leads to recommendations for improvement. The guide book to touring provides excellent route descriptions and points of interest for travelers.



## Economic Development

### City of Plattsburgh Dock - Bridge Street Design & Linkage Study

River Street Planning & Development, Troy, NY (for the City of Plattsburgh Community Development Office), March 1999.

The purpose of this project is to identify ways to strengthen the link between downtown Plattsburgh and the Lake Champlain waterfront. The study outlined four areas for waterfront revitalization: the North End, Wilcox Dock, the Marina, and the former Air Force Base. It includes a history of the area's development, land uses, an inventory of existing businesses, assets and opportunities, recommendations, and potential funding sources. The recommendations are broken into short-, mid-, and long-term projects and include construction cost estimates.

### Essex and Clinton County Waterfront Revitalization Project, Phase I, Conceptual Plan

ICON Architecture, Inc. (for the Village of Port Henry), March 1997.

This study outlines strategies to reinforce the connections between communities and Lake Champlain. These strategies include maintaining the environment and community quality of life, reinforcing the historic and scenic qualities of the lakefront, creating a lakefront scenic route, establishing common principles for local waterfront revitalization, developing a locally-initiated grassroots process to create a Lake Champlain heritage area, and attracting appropriate private investment to lakeshore development. These strategies are used as the basis for proposed improvements in five areas of the counties: the Northern Gateway, Plattsburgh, the Essex hamlets scenic corridor, Port Henry / Crown Point, and the Ticonderoga / Southern Gateway. Also included in the study are inventory maps showing Lake access areas, land uses, and historic and recreational resources.

### Essex and Clinton County Waterfront Revitalization Project, Phase II, Local Waterfront Demonstration Projects

ICON Architecture, Inc. (for the Village of Port Henry), March 1997.

This second phase of the Essex and Clinton County Waterfront Revitalization Project focuses on selected demonstration projects to implement the strategies outlined in Phase I, Conceptual Plan (see above). Five areas are chosen: Rouses Point, Plattsburgh, Westport, Port Henry, and Ticonderoga. For each area, there is a discussion of recently-completed investments or projects as well as recommended improvements and associated cost estimates.

### Hamlets of the Adirondacks: History, Preservation, and Investment

Roger Trancik, Ithaca, NY, August 1983.

This report studies the evolution of hamlets and their problems in the Adirondack Park. The focus of the study is to identify and analyze problems common to hamlets, develop revitalization strategies, and promote the hamlets' natural and cultural history. This report focuses on the lure of the Adirondacks, the growth of hamlets over the past 100 years, and ways to group hamlets for identification purposes.



### Hamlets of the Adirondacks: A Manual of Development Strategies

Roger Trancik, Ithaca, NY, August 1985.

The successor to Hamlets of the Adirondacks: History, Preservation, and Investment (see above), this manual discusses physical planning and economic development strategies for hamlets within the Adirondack Park. It outlines eight redevelopment strategies: waterfront revitalization, recreation and tourism, industrial development, historic resources, infill development, public spaces, water and sewer, and human resources. A six-step model action program is described in order to provide planners with a framework to implement a successful hamlet renewal project. Of the sample communities highlighted in the manual, two are within Clinton County: Lyon Mountain and Keeseville.

### Recreation

#### Lake Champlain Trail Masterplan

Trowbridge & Wolf, Ithaca, NY (for the Clinton County Planning Department), March 1996.

The Lake Champlain Trail project goal is to create a multi-use recreation trail from AuSable Chasm to Rouses Point. The section of trail between Clinton Community College (CCC) and Point au Roche is planned to be a multi-use, off-road trail, with the rest of the trail on-road. Existing paths such as the Plattsburgh Heritage Trail are included as part of the Lake Champlain Trail. In the report, the proposed trail is broken into 8 segments, with maps and discussions on each segment. Project implementation, trail management, and cost estimates are included.

#### Lake Champlain Bikeways: Making it Happen, A Manual for Communities and Businesses in the Champlain Valley Interested in the Benefits of Bicycle Theme Loops

Lake Champlain Bikeways, Crown Point, NY, July 1997.

This short manual answers questions that communities and businesses have about what Lake Champlain Bikeways is, what the benefits of bicycle theme loops are, how to become bicycle-friendly, and how to create a theme loop. Many improvement options are presented, ranging from immediate no-cost steps to the construction of new facilities.

#### Bicycle Master Plan for the Adirondack North Country Region of New York State

Holmes & Associates, Saranac Lake, NY (for the Adirondack North Country Association), November 1994.

This publication shows the values of bicycle planning efforts, outlines steps needed to create bicycle-friendly communities, and provides steps to promote the region for bicycle tourism through the Scenic Byways Program. It also analyzes specific regions and provides recommendations in the areas of facility improvements, planning, and promotion.

## Intrinsic Resources

### Champlain Valley Heritage Corridor Inventory

Associates in Rural Development, Inc., Burlington, VT (for the U.S. National Park Service), May 1998.

This document was developed in order to assist the National Park Service in its determination of suitable management options for the Champlain Valley area's resources. The report outlines the contents of an associated GIS database; provides tabular and descriptive information on cultural, natural, historic, and archeological resources; notes gaps in the data; and suggests possible remedies. The report also provides information on local and regional tourism and development organizations, non-profit groups, and governmental agencies.

### The Lake Champlain Basin: Cultural Resources Planning Needs Assessment

Argus Architecture & Preservation, Troy, NY (for the Lake Champlain Basin Program), August 1995.

This report lists and evaluates the cultural resources in the Lake Champlain Basin. It considers previously-written material on cultural history, plus interpretive programs and historical sites open to the public. It also identifies federal and state laws that could protect cultural resources in the area. Most of this information is assessed to determine its usefulness in developing cultural resources in the future.

### Historical Markers in Clinton County

Clinton County Historian, Town of Plattsburgh Historian, Chazy Village Historian, Champlain & Rouses Point Village Historian, and Town of Mooers Historian, September 1980.

This document is a three-part compilation of County historical markers and information. The first part is a complete listing of the existing historical markers in the County. The second part is a study of the route of the British Land Army from the Canadian border to Plattsburgh, with the intent of the study being to determine locations for the erection of historical markers along the route. The third part is a copy of a lecture entitled Spots, delivered by Simon Fitzpatrick to the Rotary Club in 1934, which collates the area's commemoratives and plaques.



## Appendix F

### Funding Sources and Information Programs

#### Introduction

The funding sources and information programs described here have been obtained from a variety of sources, and include regional, state, and federal programs. Funding and information sources are broken down into five categories ~ recreation, intrinsic resources, agriculture, transportation, and economic development. In some cases, programs may fit into more than one category. In these instances, they are associated with their most likely category.

#### Recreation

##### **Public Access Enhancement Awards**

Supports local public access enhancement projects in shoreline communities along Lake Champlain. Projects include water and non-water recreational enhancements at boat launch areas, shoreline parks, marinas, beaches, campgrounds, scenic overlooks, fishing piers, and shoreline walking and bicycling trails. To enhance access to the Lake, eligible projects include those on the Lake itself and on tributaries up until a natural or human-made barrier. Local governments and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The maximum grant amount is \$7,500 per project, with a 25% match requirement.

Contact: Lake Champlain Basin Program, RR 1, Box 220, Crown Point, NY 12928, (518) 597-4464.

##### **Bikeways Enhancement Awards**

Supports bicycle- friendly enhancements along existing roadways of the Lake Champlain Bikeways network. All projects must occur along Bikeways roadways, including the principal route, as well as bicycle loops off of the principal route that are: established, currently under development, or identified for future development. Local governments and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The maximum grant amount is \$2,000 per project, with a 25% match requirement.

Contact: Lake Champlain Basin Program, RR 1, Box 220, Crown Point, NY 12928, (518) 597-4464.

##### **Recreational Trails Program**

Develops and maintains recreational trails and related facilities for motorized and non-motorized use. Funded by the Federal Government and administered through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. Private organizations, municipal, state, and federal agencies, and non-profit corporations are eligible. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$80,000, with a 20% match requirement.

Contact: Grants Representative, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, Keewaydin State Park, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607, (315) 482-2593.

##### **Beach Erosion Control Projects**

Controls beach and shore erosion to public shores through projects not specifically authorized by Congress. States, political subdivisions, and local agencies are eligible to apply. US Army Corps of



Engineers personnel design and construct the project. Feasibility studies have no match requirements below \$100,000, and 50% match requirements above that amount.  
Contact: US Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: CECW-PM, Washington, DC 20314-1000, (202) 761-1975.

#### **Inter-jurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986**

Assists states in managing inter-jurisdictional fisheries resources. State agencies are eligible to apply. The average grant amount is \$100,000 per project, with varying match requirements.  
Contact: Chief, Staff Office for Intergovernmental and Recreational Fisheries Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service, 8484 Georgia Ave., Suite 425, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 427-2014.

#### **Boating Safety Financial Assistance**

Encourages greater state participation and uniformity in boating safety, particularly to permit the states to assume a greater share of boating safety education, assistance, and enforcement activities; and assists states in developing, carrying out and financing their recreational boating safety programs. National non-profit public service organizations' boating safety projects are also beneficial. States with an approved boating safety program and national non-profit service organizations are eligible to apply. State grant amounts average \$987,000 per project, while non-profit organization grant amounts average \$125,000 per project. States have a 50% match requirement, but non-profit organizations have none.

Contact: Commandant, US Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20593-0001. State Program Information - (202) 267-0857. National Non-profit Organization Program Information - (202) 267-0950.

#### **President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports**

Promotes physical fitness for Americans of all ages by encouraging the development, implementation and improvement of physical fitness and sports programs. These objectives are accomplished through the provision of professional consultation, technical assistance, publications and public information, program evaluation and development to school systems, government agencies, employee organizations, industrial organizations, recreation and park departments, and others who wish to introduce or to improve physical fitness or sports programs. Assistance is in the form of technical information.

Contact: Executive Director, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Suite 738H, Washington, DC 20201-0004, (202) 690-5187.

#### **Intrinsic Resources**

##### **Partnership Program**

Encourages grassroots projects that demonstrate practical ways to address economic and conservation challenges that enhance natural, historic, recreation, scenic or cultural resources. The unifying theme of the project should be community efforts that make the most of volunteers and partnerships. Projects should involve public, private and community resources and address an identified need in the community. Non-profit organizations, local governments, and schools are eligible to apply. Grant amounts are \$500 to \$5,000 per project, with no match requirement.

Contact: Joint NY-VT Citizens Advisory Committee, Lake Champlain Basin Program, P.O. Box 204, 54 West Shore Rd., Grand Isle, VT 05458, (802) 655-6382.

#### **Annual Priorities Grants**

Provides financial and technical support to implement priority actions of the basin-wide management plan, Opportunities for Action: An Evolving Plan for the Future of Lake Champlain. Local governments, soil and water conservation districts, watershed or lake associations, non-profit organizations, and businesses are eligible to apply. Total grant amount is \$145,000 per year, and there is a 25% match requirement.

Contact: Lake Champlain Basin Program, P.O. Box 204, 54 West Shore Rd., Grand Isle, VT 05458, (802) 372-3213.

#### **Resource Conservation and Development**

Encourages and improves the capability of state, local governments, and non-profit organizations in rural areas to plan, develop and carry out programs for resource conservation and development. State and local governments and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. There is currently no grant assistance available, only technical assistance.

Contact: Deputy Chief for Programs, Resource Conservation and Community Development Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013, (202) 720-2241.

#### **Learn and Serve America: School and Community Based Programs**

Encourages elementary and secondary schools and community-based agencies to create, develop, and offer service-learning opportunities for school-age youth; educates teachers about service-learning; incorporates service-learning opportunities into classrooms to enhance academic learning; coordinates adult volunteers in schools; and introduces young people to a broad range of careers and encourages them to pursue further education and training. State education agencies and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The average grant amount is \$240,000 per project. The match requirements rise each year, from 10% in the first year to 50% from the fourth year on.

Contact: Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20525, (202) 606-5000.

#### **Watershed Programming for Educational Facilities and Organizations**

Builds awareness and understanding of the key resource issues facing the Lake Champlain Basin and the plan's priority actions. When people are given the opportunity to develop awareness, knowledge, skills and commitment towards a basin issue, they can make informative decisions and take constructive action which benefit Lake Champlain. Schools, watershed groups, and local governments are eligible to apply. The maximum grant amount is \$7,500 per project, with a 25% match requirement.

Contact: Lake Champlain Basin Program, P.O. Box 204, 54 West Shore Rd., Grand Isle, VT 05458, (802) 655-6382.



### **Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program**

Works voluntarily with private landowners to restore and protect wetlands and fish and wildlife habitat, particularly in agricultural areas. Provides technical and financial assistance.

Contact: Chief, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Habitat Conservation, 400 Arlington Sq., 1849 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20240, (703) 358-2161.

### **Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation**

Establishes a partnership among the US Fish and Wildlife Service, state agencies, and private organizations and individuals to carry out wildlife conservation and appreciation projects to conserve the entire array of diverse fish and wildlife species; to provide opportunities for the public to use and enjoy fish and wildlife species through non-consumptive activities; to enable designated state agencies to respond more fully and carry out wildlife conservation and appreciation projects; and to encourage private donations to carry out wildlife conservation and appreciation projects. State fish and wildlife agencies are eligible to apply. The average grant amount is \$27,000. Federal funding is 33% for one state and 40% for a joint state effort; private funds must be available for matching.

Contact: Chief, Division of Federal Aid, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240, (703) 358-2156.

### **Planning Assistance to States**

The US Army Corp of Engineers is available to work with states in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources of drainage basins. Technical services are provided by the Corp of Engineers, with a maximum funding amount of \$300,00 per year per state.

Contact: US Army Corp of Engineers, Attn: CECW-PF, Washington, DC 20314-1000, (202) 272-0169.

### **Wetlands Reserve Program**

Restores and protects farmed wetlands, prior converted wetlands, wetlands farmed under natural conditions, riparian areas, and eligible buffer areas. Landowners must agree to enter into a permanent or long-term easement or restoration agreement contract. Individual land owners, partnerships, associations, corporations, estates, trusts, and government agencies are eligible to apply. Funding percentages are 100% for permanent easements and 75% for 30-year easements and cost-share agreements.

Contact: Watershed and Wetlands Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013, (202) 690-0848.

### **Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program**

Develops upland wildlife habitat, wetland wildlife habitat, threatened and endangered species habitat, fish habitat and other types of wildlife habitat. Owners, landlords, operators, or tenants of eligible land are eligible to apply. Grant amounts average \$4,600 per project, with 25% match requirements.

Contact: Deputy Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013, (202) 270-1845.



### **Wildlife Services**

Reduces damage caused by mammals and birds and those mammal and bird species that are reservoirs for diseases, except for urban rodent control. State and local governments, non-profit organizations, colleges and universities, and individuals are eligible to apply. Match requirements vary.

Contact: Budget and Accounting Division, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, USDA Center, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734-8014.

### **Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance**

Provides staff assistance to support partnerships between government and citizens to increase the number of rivers and landscapes protected and trails established nationwide. Non-profit organizations and government agencies are eligible to apply. There is currently no grant assistance available, only technical assistance.

Contact: Assistant Director for Recreation and Conservation, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 565-1200.

### **Cooperative Science and Education Program**

Provides grants and cooperative agreements to support enduring partnerships between the federal government and educational institutions for cooperative science and education on marine issues, especially living marine resources and their habitat, that confront local, regional, and national resource managers. Also awards grants and cooperative agreements to develop innovative approaches and methods for marine science and education. Colleges and universities, their affiliates, and organizations dedicated to marine outreach, education, and research are eligible to apply. Average grant amount is \$100,000 per project. Matching funds are encouraged but not required.

Contact: Senior Scientist, National Marine Fisheries Service, 13315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20901, (301) 713-2239.

### **Migratory Bird Banding and Data Analysis**

Provides a central repository for all migratory bird banding records in North America. Anyone who can demonstrate required skills and seriousness of purpose can apply for permit to conduct bird banding. Assistance is in the form of technical information.

Contact: US Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive-MS 300, Reston, VA 20192, (703) 648-4090.

### **Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention**

Provides technical and financial assistance in carrying out works of improvement to protect, develop, and utilize the land and water resources in small watersheds. State agencies, counties, municipalities, towns, soil and water conservation districts, flood prevention or flood control districts, and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The average total grant amount per state is \$650,000, with varying match requirements.

Contact: Deputy Chief for Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013, (202) 720-4527.

### **Environmental Protection Fund**

Provides funding for the acquisition and development of parks, the preservation and restoration of historic properties, and the development of New York State's Heritage Areas System. State and local governments, public benefit corporations, and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The maximum grant amount is \$350,000 per project.

Contact: Grants Representative, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, Keewaydin State Park, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607, (315) 482-2593.

### **Clean Water / Clean Air Bond Act**

Provides funding for the acquisition and development of parks, the preservation and restoration of historic properties, and the development of New York State's Heritage Areas System. State and local governments, public benefit corporations, and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The maximum grant amount is \$500,000 per project, with a 50% match requirement.

Contact: Grants Representative, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, Keewaydin State Park, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607, (315) 482-2593.

### **Cultural Heritage and Recreation Technical Assistance Program**

Supports projects such as archeological assessments, engineering and architectural conditions assessments, state survey and National Register documentation, museum mentoring, and educational programs. Projects must be completed under the direction of a qualified preservation specialist. Local governments and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The maximum grant amount is \$1,000 per project, with a 33% match requirement.

Contact: Lake Champlain Basin Program, RR 1, Box 220, Crown Point, NY 12928, (518) 597-4212.

### **Disposal of Federal Surplus Real Property for Parks, Recreation, and Historic Monuments**

Transfers surplus federal real property for public park and recreation use, or for use of historic real property. States and local governments are eligible to receive and use the property.

Contacts: Federal Lands to Parks Program, National Park Service, National Center for Conservation and Recreation, Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127, (202) 565-1184. National Park Service, Heritage Preservation Services, Historic Surplus Property Program, 1849 C St. NW, NC 200, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 343-9531.

### **Historic Preservation Fund Grants-In-Aid**

Provides grants to states for the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic properties by such means as survey, planning technical assistance, acquisition, development, and federal tax incentives available for historic properties. Also provides grants to states to expand the National Register of Historic Places in order to assist federal, state, and local government, non-profit organizations, and private individuals in carrying out historic preservation activities. States and operating programs administered by a State Historic Preservation Officer are eligible to apply. The average grant amount is \$532,000, with a 40% match requirement.

Contact: Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 343-9564.



### **American Battlefield Protection Program**

Managed by the National Park Service's Heritage Preservation Services in order to promote the protection and preservation of battlefield lands by funding non-acquisition preservation methods such as planning, education, and survey and inventory. Eligible applicants include federal, state, and local agencies, non-profit organizations, and colleges and universities. Multi-organizational applications are encouraged. Average grant is \$20,000; there are no match requirements. Contact: American Battlefield Protection Program, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, Room 330, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 343-1210.

### **State Cemetery Grants**

Assists states in the establishment, expansion, and improvement of veterans' cemeteries. States are eligible to apply, and the average grant amount is \$672,000, with no match requirements. Contact: Director, State Cemetery Grants Service, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-6152.

### **National Historic Landmark**

Studies, identifies, and encourages the preservation of nationally-significant historic properties. A bronze plaque is awarded in a presentation ceremony when requested; this provides permanent identification of nationally significant properties. The property should have a high degree of historic integrity and potential national significance to American history. The property owner may be an individual, government, or corporate body. The program includes advisory services and counseling.

Contact: National Historic Landmarks Survey, NRHE, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C St. NW, Suite NC-400, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 343-8175.

### **National Historical Publications and Record Grants**

Undertakes a wide range of activities related to the preservation, publication, and use of documentary sources relating to the history of the US. State and local governments, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and individuals are eligible to apply. The average grant amount is \$53,000, with varying match requirements.

Contacts: National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Archives Bldg., Washington, DC 20408, (202) 501-5610.

### **National Natural Landmarks Program**

Identifies and recognizes nationally significant natural areas throughout the US and encourages their continued preservation. Anyone may nominate an area to be included on the National Registry of Natural Landmarks. Site owners receive a plaque recognizing their involvement.

Contact: Natural Landmarks Program, Natural Systems Management Office, National Park Service, Washington, DC 20013-7127, (202) 219-8934.

### **National Maritime Heritage Grants**

Helps state and local governments and non-profit organizations carry out their maritime heritage activities by funding maritime heritage preservation and education projects designed to preserve historic maritime resources and increase public awareness and appreciation for the maritime

heritage of the US. Projects must have the potential to reach a broad audience. State and local governments and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Projects involving federally-owned or managed historic maritime resources are eligible for funding if conducted by a non-federal unit of government or a non-profit organization. This is a new program. Average grant amounts are expected to range from \$2,500 to \$50,000, with a 50% match requirement.

Contact: Departmental Consulting Archeologist, Archeology & Ethnography Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Room NC 340 Washington, DC 20240, (202) 343-8161.

#### **Promotion of the Humanities: Public Programs**

Provides opportunities to explore human history and culture through humanities programs in museums, historical organizations, libraries, community centers, and other gathering places, as well as on public television and radio. State and local governments, sponsored organizations, non-profit organizations, and other public institutions are eligible to apply. Average grant amounts are \$230,000 per project, with no match requirement.

Contact: Division of Public Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, Room 426, Washington, DC 20506, (202) 606-8267.

#### **Promotion of the Arts: Grants to Organizations and Individuals**

Fosters the excellence, diversity, and vitality of the arts in the U.S. and broadens public access to the arts. Program includes five categories: creation and presentation, planning and stabilization, heritage and preservation, education, and access. Non-profit organizations, local governments, arts agencies, and individuals are eligible to apply. Grant amounts to organizations range from \$5,000 to \$200,000 per project, with at least a 50% match requirement. Average grant amounts to individuals are \$20,000, with no match requirement.

Contact: National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20506-0001, (202) 682-5400.

#### **Conservation Project Support**

Supports the efforts of museums to conserve the nation's historic, scenic, and cultural heritage; maintains and expands the educational roles of museums and libraries; and eases the financial burdens of museums and libraries as a result of their increasing use by the public. Museums are eligible to apply. The average grant amount is \$22,000, with a 50% match requirement.

Contact: Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Room 510, Washington, DC 20506, (202) 606-4644.

#### **Museum Leadership Initiatives**

Supports the efforts of museums to conserve the nation's historic, scenic, and cultural heritage; maintains and expands the educational roles of museums and libraries; and eases the financial burdens of museums and libraries as a result of their increasing use by the public. Collaboratives of non-profit organizations, including at least one museum, are eligible to apply. The average grant amount is \$30,000 per project, with a 50% match requirement.

Contact: Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Room 510, Washington, DC 20506, (202) 606-4644.



### **Museum Assessment Program**

Supports the efforts of museums to conserve the nation's historic, scenic, and cultural heritage; maintains and expands the educational roles of museums and libraries; and eases the financial burdens of museums and libraries as a result of their increasing use by the public. Museums are eligible to apply. Average grant amounts are \$2,000 per project.

Contact: Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Room 510, Washington, DC 20506, (202) 606-4644.

### **Agriculture**

#### **Farm Operating Loans**

Enables operators of family farms, through the extension of credit and supervisory assistance, to make efficient use of their land, labor, and other resources, and to establish and maintain financially viable farming and ranching operations. Family farms meeting program criteria are eligible to apply. Direct loans average \$42,000 and guaranteed loans average \$123,000, with no match requirements.

Contact: Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency, Director, Loan Making Division, Ag Box 0522, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-1632.

#### **Farm Ownership Loans**

Provides assistance to enable recipients to become owner-operators of not larger than family farms; to make efficient use of land, labor, and other resources; to carry on sound and successful farming operations; and to enable farm families to have a reasonable standard of living. Farmers, ranchers, aqua-culture operators, farming cooperatives, corporations, partnerships, and joint operations are eligible to apply if they meet program criteria. The average amount of a direct loan is \$83,000 and the average amount of a guaranteed loan is \$174,000. There is no match requirement.

Contact: Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency, Director, Loan Making Division, Ag Box 0522, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-1632.

#### **Rural Cooperative Development Grants**

Establishes and operates centers for rural cooperative development in order to improve economic conditions in rural areas by promoting the development of new cooperatives and/or improvement of existing cooperatives. Non-profit organizations and colleges and universities are eligible to apply. Grant amounts range from \$65,000 to \$200,000, with a 25% match requirement.

Contact: Assistant Deputy Administrator, Cooperative Services, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-8460.

#### **Technical Assistance to Cooperatives**

Develops and administers research, technical assistance, and educational programs on financial, organization, management, legal, social, and economic aspects of farmer cooperatives. Designed for farmer cooperatives and groups of farmers interested in forming cooperatives.

Contact: Deputy Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, Ag Box 3250, Washington, DC 20250-3250, (202) 720-8460.

### **Technical Agricultural Assistance**

Identifies and applies the most appropriate solutions to international agricultural problems, and increases the capabilities of educational institutions and non-profit agencies in agricultural research and technical assistance. Colleges and universities, and non-profit organizations whose primary purpose is scientific research, are eligible to apply. Grant amounts average \$80,000 per project, with no match requirements.

Contact: FAS\International Cooperation and Development, Development Resources Division, Washington DC 20250-1092, (202) 690-1924.

### **Farmland Protection Program**

Purchases conservation easements or other interests on farmland with prime, unique, or other productive soils in order to limit conversion to non-agricultural uses. Government agencies that have farmland protection programs are eligible to apply. The average payment is \$387,000, with a match requirement of at least 50% of the fair market easement value.

Contact: Community Assistance and Rural Development Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013, (202) 720-2847.

### **Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education**

Facilitates and increases scientific investigation and education in order to reduce the use of chemical pesticides, fertilizers, and toxic materials in agricultural production; uses the experience and expertise of farmers and ranchers by their direct participation and leadership in projects; transfers practical, reliable, and timely information to farmers and ranchers concerning sustainable practices and systems; and promotes a partnership between farmers, nonprofit organizations, agribusiness, and public and private research and extension institutions. State agencies, cooperative extension services, non-profit organizations, colleges and universities, and individuals with demonstrable expertise are eligible to apply. Average grant amounts are \$850,000 per project, with no match requirements.

Contact: Deputy Administrator, Economic and Community Development Systems, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-7948.

### **Environmental Quality Incentives Program**

Provides technical, education, and financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner. Provides assistance to farmers and ranchers in complying with federal, state, and tribal environmental laws, and encourages environmental enhancement. The purpose of this program is achieved through the implementation of structural, vegetative, and land management practices on eligible land. This program is funded through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Farmers and ranchers who pose serious threats to soil, water, and related natural resources, or who need assistance in complying with federal and state environmental laws, are eligible to apply, although assistance is not limited to the owner of eligible agricultural lands. Program assistance is up to \$10,000 per year and \$50,000 for the duration of the contract; average contracts are \$15,000. There is a 25% match requirement for some contracts.

Contact: Deputy Chief for Natural Resources Conservation Programs, Natural Resources



Conservation Service, US Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013, (202) 720-1845.

### Transportation

#### **Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Provides funding for various transportation planning, design, and construction projects. Includes funding for highway, safety, transit, and intermodal transportation.

Contact: Federal Highway Administration, US Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St SW, Washington, DC, (800) 240-5674.

#### **National Scenic Byways Program Discretionary Grants**

Plans, develops, and implements projects and programs on designated Scenic Byways. Projects include safety improvements, amenities for bicyclists and pedestrians, enhancements to recreational access points, resource protection, provisions for tourism information, and development and implementation of marketing programs. Priority is given to All-American Roads and National Scenic Byways. Grant amounts range from \$4,000 to \$305,000 per project, with a 20% match requirement.

Contact: Director, Landscape Architect Bureau, New York State Department of Transportation, 1220 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12232, (518) 457-4460.

#### **State and Community Highway Safety**

Provides a coordinated national highway safety program to reduce traffic accidents, deaths, injuries, and property damage. State highway agencies are eligible to apply on behalf of political sub-divisions. Average grant amounts are \$2.2 million per project, with at least a 20% match requirement. Grants are appropriated according to resident population and public road mileage.

Contact: Associate Administrator for State and Community Services, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-2121.

#### **National Corridor Planning and Development Discretionary Program and Coordinated Border Infrastructure Discretionary Program**

Provides funding to states for coordinated planning, design, and construction of corridors of national significance, economic growth, and international or interregional trade. Also improves the safe movement of people and goods at or across the borders of the US. States and metropolitan planning organizations are eligible to apply. A 20% match is required.

Contact: Federal Highway Administration, US Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St SW, Washington, DC, (800) 240-5674.

#### **Development and Promotion of Ports and Intermodal Transportation**

Promotes and plans for the development and utilization of domestic waterways, ports, and port facilities; examines opportunities for expanding maritime trade and service; plans for the utilization and control of ports and port facilities under national mobilization conditions; and promotes development and improved utilization of marine-related intermodal transportation systems. State and local government agencies, public port and intermodal authorities, trade associations, and

private terminal and intermodal operators are eligible to apply. Federal personnel are used to conduct studies and advise and consult with applicants.

Contacts: Ports ~ Office of Ports and Domestic Shipping, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4357. Intermodal ~ Director, Office of Intermodal Development, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-8888.

### **Navigation Projects**

Provides the most practical and economic means of fulfilling the needs of general navigation, through projects not specifically authorized by Congress. States, political sub-divisions, and agencies able to assume legal and financial responsibilities are eligible to apply. Planning projects are fully funded to \$100,000, with a 50% match requirement above that cost. Construction projects have a varying match requirement.

Contact: US Army Corp of Engineers, Attn: CECW-PM, Washington, DC 20314-1000, (202) 761-1975.

### **Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized Areas**

Improves, initiates, and continues public transportation service in non-urbanized areas by providing financial assistance for operating and administrating expenses and for the acquisition, construction, and improvement of facilities and equipment. Also provides technical assistance for rural transportation providers. Eligible applicants include state agencies, local public organizations and agencies, non-profit organizations, and operators and providers of rural public transportation. Administered by New York State. Federal contribution not to exceed 80%, or 90% for bike accessibility and equipment grants which comply with the Americans with Disabilities or the Clean Air Acts.

Contact: Federal Transit Administration, Office of Program Management, Office of Capital and Formula Assistance, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-2053.

### **Transportation Services**

Develops and promotes efficient agricultural transportation systems to help improve farm income, expand exports, and meet the needs of rural America through research, conferences, and workshops. Provides technical and administrative direction, coordination, and leadership in the development and execution of agricultural transportation policies. Provides a basis for federal and state decision-makers in regulatory, policy and legislative matters in order to ensure the transportation needs of rural communities and agriculture.

Contact: Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 690-1300.

### **Airport Improvement Program**

Assists sponsors, owners, or operators of public-use airports in the development of a nationwide system of airports adequate to meet the needs of civil aeronautics. States, counties, municipalities, other public agencies, and private owners of public-use airports are eligible to apply. Some local governments may be eligible for grants to implement noise compatibility projects. The average grant amount is \$1.1 million per project, with varying match requirements.



Contact: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Airport Planning and Programming, Airports Financial Assistance Division, APP-500, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591, (202) 267-3831.

### **Economic Development**

#### **Local Waterfront Revitalization Program**

Provides funds for planning, design, feasibility studies, and construction projects that advance the preparation or implementation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Recent projects include waterfront redevelopment, innovative uses and processing of dredged materials, and public coastal education. Lakeshore municipalities are eligible to apply. There is a 50% match requirement.

Contact: New York State Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources, Albany, NY 12231-0001, (518) 474-6000.

#### **Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program**

Solves marketing problems at the state and local level through pilot marketing service projects conducted by states. State agencies are eligible to apply. Average grant amounts are \$57,000, with a 50% match requirement.

Contact: Staff Officer, Federal-State Marketing Improvement Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-2704.

#### **Intermediary Relending Program**

Finances business facilities and community development in areas with a population less than 25,000. Non-profit organizations and state or local governments are eligible to apply. Loans average \$770,000, with a 25% match requirement.

Contact: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Room 6321, South Agriculture Bldg., Washington, DC 20250-0700, (202) 690-4100.

#### **Community Facilities Loans and Grants**

Constructs, enlarges, extends, or otherwise improves community facilities that provide essential services to farmers, ranchers, rural residents, and rural businesses. Governmental agencies and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Average grant amounts are \$35,000 per project, average direct loan amounts are \$447,000 per project, and average guaranteed loan amounts are \$905,000 per project, with no match requirements.

Contact: Deputy Administrator, Community Programs, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-3222, (202) 720-1490.

#### **Rural Development Grants**

Facilitates the development of small and emerging private business, industry, and related employment for improving the economy in rural communities. There are two categories ~ Rural Business Enterprise Grants and Television Demonstration Grants. Public institutions and non-profit organizations serving rural areas are eligible to apply. Grant priority is given to areas with less than 25,000 people. Average grant amounts are \$160,000 per project.

Contact: Director, Specialty Lenders Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-3222, (202) 720-1400.

#### **Rural Business Opportunity Grants**

Promotes sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs. Public entities, non-profit corporations, and cooperatives are eligible to apply. This is a new program, with an estimated total grant amount of \$5 million for 2000. There is no match requirement, but projects with matching funds will be considered in determining priority.

Contact: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, Specialty Lenders Division, STOP 1521, Room 6767, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-1521, (202) 720-1400.

#### **Business and Industry Loans**

Assists cooperative organizations and individuals in rural areas to obtain quality loans for the purpose of improving, developing or financing business, industry, and employment and improving the economic and environmental climate in rural communities, including pollution abatement and control. Preference is given applicants in rural areas with populations of 25,000 or less. The average direct loan is \$383,000 per project, and the average guaranteed loan is \$1.2 million per project. There is no match requirement.

Contact: Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC. 20250-3201, (202) 690-4730.

#### **Community Development Block Grants / Economic Development Initiative**

Helps public entities carry out economic development projects. Grants must enhance the security of loans guaranteed under the Section 108 Program, or improve the viability of projects financed with loans guaranteed under the Section 108 Program. Also makes competitive economic development grants in conjunction with Section 108 loan guarantees for qualified brownfields projects. Local governments are eligible under the Section 108 Program. The average grant amount is \$1 million.

Contact: Financial Management Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Community Planning and Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-1871.

#### **Community Development Block Grants / Small Cities Program**

Develops viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. Local governments are eligible to apply.

Contact: State and Small Cities Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-1322.

#### **Community Development Block Grants / Special Purpose Grants / Technical Assistance Program**

Helps states, local governments, Indian tribes, and regional planning organizations plan, develop, and administer local Community Development Block Grant programs. Provides technical assistance, consultations, training, and informational publications. States, local governments, planning



organizations, and other qualified groups are eligible to apply. Average project amounts are \$167,000, with no match requirements.

Contact: Office of Management and Technical Assistance, Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-3176.

#### **Centers for International Business Education (84.220)**

Provides a comprehensive university approach to improve teaching of international business by bringing together faculty from numerous disciplines and engaging in research to promote the international competitiveness of US businesses. Colleges and universities who establish a center advisory council before the grant award date are eligible to apply. The average grant amount is \$286,000 per project. The federal share may not exceed 90%, 70%, and 50% in the first, second, and third years of center operation.

Contact: International Studies Branch, Center for International Education, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20202-5332, (202) 401-9780.

#### **Technical Assistance and Training Grants**

Identifies and evaluates solutions to water and waste disposal problems in rural areas and improves operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas. Non-profit organizations with proven ability to provide technical assistance and/or training on a regional basis are eligible to apply. Average grant amounts are \$750,000, with no match requirements.

Contact: Assistant Administrator, Water and Waste Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 690-2670.

#### **Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Program**

Supports the commercialization of bio-based industrial and commercial products made from agricultural raw materials and animal by-products, thereby creating economic opportunities in rural communities. Applicant preference is given to private firms operating in or near rural areas.

Average grant amounts are \$250,000 per project, with varying match requirements.

Contact: Executive Director, Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation, Room 0156, South Bldg., Department of Agriculture, Mail Stop 0401, Washington, DC 20250-0401.

#### **Brownfield Pilots Cooperative Agreements**

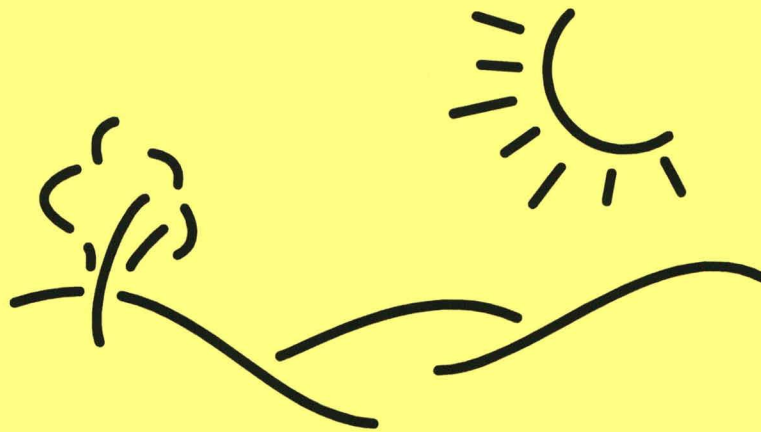
Brownfield sites are abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. State and local governments are eligible for assessment demonstration pilot projects. Job training and development demonstration pilot projects are available to colleges and universities, non-profit organizations, training centers, states, cities, and towns. Average grant amounts are up to \$200,000 for assessment demonstration pilot projects, up to \$500,000 for cleanup revolving loan funds pilot projects, and up to \$200,000 for job training and development demonstration pilot projects. There are no match requirements.

Contact: Director, Outreach and Special Projects Staff, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460, (202) 260-4039.





# Notes



# **Lake Champlain Byway Corridor Management Plan Grand Isle County**

September 1999

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## AN INVITATION TO THE READER

Referred to as “the Islands,” Grand Isle County has been a tourism destination for visitors from throughout New England, Northern New York, and Southern Quebec for nearly 100 years. It is the site of the first European settlement in Vermont, home to the famous Isle la Motte “black marble,” and host to significant historic, cultural, and archeological resources. Since 1997, many interested people have worked together to explore relationships between the economy, the communities, and the transportation system of Grand Isle County. The Lake Champlain Byway Corridor Management Plan for Grand Isle County summarizes their thoughts and decisions and celebrates the contribution of tourism to local communities.

The recommendations in this plan came directly from the recommendations developed for the roadway corridor studies in the County, information in the County Strategic Development Plan, Town Plans, and ideas and suggestions collected during the public involvement process. Staff and representatives of the Islands Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Corporation, Vermont State Parks, and the Islands and Farms Regional Marketing Organization played important roles in the study process. As community residents and leaders, they brought ideas generated during local advisory committee meetings to other organizations in which they participated. They also offered support and technical assistance with resource information. Community members contributed to the writing of the final plan, especially the chapter on Local Successes and Partnerships.

We invite you to read this Plan, to offer comments and criticisms, and then to join the effort to share our home with visitors in a way that respects local lifestyles. The Islands are a unique and special place. Through cooperative efforts, we can protect their uniqueness and special qualities for our children and ourselves.

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## THE NATIONAL PROGRAM

### The National Scenic Byways Program

A Byway is a special route (or network of routes) that offers the traveler access to beautiful scenery, cultural and natural resources. They provide an antidote to the monotony of linear, high-speed travel; open up vistas; and introduce us to places we might otherwise pass by. They can be spectacular destinations or a favorite local road. They can be rural, suburban, or urban. They come with different names: rustic roads, scenic highways, historic roadways, or backways. The common thread is that it must be a roadway that a community regards as a special resource to be promoted and protected.

The recent increase in Scenic Byway interest has been fed by the funding opportunities of Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and the Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21), which has developed the rationale and benefits of a National Scenic Byways Program:

- Assure that Americans know and appreciate scenic, cultural and natural resources
- Induce economic development in communities and regions
- Protect and enhance scenic, cultural and natural resources
- Manage traffic by diverting and channeling tourist traffic
- Encourage visitors to come, stay, and travel

Scenic Byways programs exist in nearly half of the states as well as in local government groups and private sector groups. Interagency coordination exists within the Federal Scenic Road Cooperative Activities of the USDOT - FHWA; USD Interior - National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management; USD Agriculture - USFS as well as other Federal agencies that deal with land and water development and flood control. In 1991 through ISTEA, Congress directed the Secretary of Transportation to establish a National Scenic Byways Advisory Committee to assist in the development of a national program. This committee provided the following recommendations:

- A byway must be significant in at least one of the six intrinsic value categories: natural, scenic, cultural, historic, recreational, or archaeological.
- A Scenic Byways program is for the recognition, interpretation, maintenance, enhancement, and preservation of the intrinsic qualities of the byway.
- A corridor management plan demonstrates a commitment to preserve and protect identified assets. The expectation is that designation would increase tourism, create new jobs, and foster economic development. The plan should have a narrative as to how the byway is positioned for marketing.
- Continuity is important in the byway. Byways must accommodate 2-wheel drive autos and should accommodate bicycles and pedestrians.